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In re Patent Application of:
Shinichi Morimoto

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For: LAN that allows non-authenticated external
terminal station to access a predetermined
device in LAN

Examiner: M. J. Simitoski

DECLARATION OF HENRIETTA MARRON

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Dear Sir:

I, Henrietta Marron, declare as follows:

1. I am a patent docketing specialist in the employ of Dickstein Shapiro, LLP (Dickstein). I have been so employed since approximately January 7, 2002.
2. One of my responsibilities at Dickstein is to open mail received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") and to record and docket the received mail based on its application serial number.
3. As of October 2, 2007, no substantive paper was received from the USPTO for the above-captioned patent application. Subsequently, the only paper received was a Notice of Abandonment, mailed on February 29, 2008.
4. I did not receive a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due for the above-captioned patent application.

5. To the best of my knowledge, no one at Dickstein received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due for the above-captioned patent application.

6. If I or any other person employed by Dickstein had received the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed October 2, 2007, that Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due would have been entered into Dickstein's docket records for a response due on January 2, 2008.

7. Therefore, the fact that the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed October 2, 2007, does not appear in Dickstein's docket record for January 2, 2008 (copy attached as Exhibit A, redacted to protect client confidentiality) indicates that Dickstein did not receive that Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

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Dated: April 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



Henrietta Marron